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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David DINO Customer No. 23911
Serial No.: 10/790,279 Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: MARCH 28, 2002 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Title: AQUEOUS-BASED OIL WELL DRILLING FLUIDS
CONTAINING HIGH AMYLOSE STARCH POLYMERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to resuming examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendment.

This amendment is accompanied by a Petition to amend inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(a). This amendment is also accompanied by a Request to Terminate Deferral of Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.